CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES April 30, 2004

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DRAFT REPORT, PUBLIC WORKSHOP, AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

HEALTH ADVISORY: FISH CONSUMPTION GUIDELINES FOR LAKE NATOMA AND THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER (SACRAMENTO COUNTY)

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces the availability of the draft report entitled "Health Advisory: Fish Consumption Guidelines For Lake Natoma And The Lower American River (Sacramento County)." The report contains an evaluation of findings on mercury in fish from Lake Natoma and the Lower American River, and provides health guidelines for consumption of fish from these water bodies. OEHHA is soliciting comments from interested parties on the draft report and advisory during a 30-day public comment period. OEHHA will also hold a public workshop during the comment period to present the draft report and advisory, and receive comments on them. The time, date, and place for the workshop will be posted on the OEHHA Web site at http://www.oehha.ca.gov. Comments may be submitted at any time until the close of the comment period.

Comments on the draft report may be submitted by phone, fax, or e-mail to Dr. Robert K. Brodberg. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2004. OEHHA will consider comments received by this time and revise the draft report and advisory as appropriate to issue a final report and advisory.

OEHHA is making the draft document available at the OEHHA Web site at http://www.oehha.ca.gov. A copy of the report is also available by calling (916) 327-7319.

If you would like to submit comments, receive further information on this announcement, or have questions, please contact Dr. Robert K. Brodberg using the information provided below.

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